

of the gods, the most wise bearer of
 oblations (to them)
 by thy month: worship, AGNI, the people of
 heaven. •

10. Come, AGNJ, to the (sacrificial)
 food: being
 lauded, (come) to convey the oblation (to
 the gods): sit
 down as the ministrant priest upon the
 sacred grass.¹

11. We augment thee, ANGIRAS, with fuel
 and with
 butter: blaze fiercely, youngest (of the
 gods).⁸

12. Divine AGNI, bestow upon us (wealth),
 excellent,
 great, and (comprehending) worthy male
 descendants.³

.13. The sage, ATHARVAN, extracted thee
 from upon
 the lotus-leaf, the h^ad, the support of
 the universe.*

1 *Sama-Veda*, i. 1., n. 1C.: the stanza is
 twice translated by
 Mr. Colebrooke in his *Essays on the Religions*
Ceremonies of
the Brahmins. Asiatic Researches, vol. v., p.
 364; vol. vn.,
 p. 272.

² *Sdma-Veda*, 11. 11., *Tajur-Veda* ^ 3. 3,

³ *Sdma-Veda*, II. 12.: *suwra* or *suviryya*
 always implies
 having male descendants, *bonos viros habens*, or
bonorumvirorum

⁴ *Ticdm pushkardd adki atkamo niramantkata*,
murcidkno
•eixwaxya vdghatah: the verse occurs in the
Sama-Veda, i. 9,
 and the *Yaju&h*, 11. 32.: according to *Sdyana*,
pushkardd-
adhi means *pushkaraparne*, or the lotus-leaf, as by
 the text
puskkara-parne Prajdpatir bhumim aprathayat,
 upon the
 lotus-leaf *Prajapati* made manifest the eafth,
 which probably
 suggested one of the accounts of the creation in
 Manu 1.: hence,
 as it supported tie earth it may be termed the
 head, *miirdhdhan*,
 or the bearer, *vdgJtata* for *vdhaka*, of all things:
Mahidhara
 cites a text to shew that *at-harvan* means *pr&na*,
 vital air or life,
 and *pvskhara*, water, and explains* the passage,
 the vital air
 extracted fire or animal heat from, the water,
prdna udakasa-
kdsdd-agnim nisesshena matMtavdn: to *vdyltata* he
 assigns the
 usual import of *ritvij*, ministrant priest, and
 explains the last
 sentence, all the priests churned thee out of the
 head or top of

the wood of attrition: he gives also -another
explanation, yvhjph
agrees with that of *Sdyana*.